

behaved well on the way out, my horse <my horse> performed well, The Drouth has been and is now verry Suver in this Part of the Country. The farmers think that the crops are Injured half in this part of the Country

South of this in north Miss<sup>i</sup> they think more than half North of this crops are better, the Opinion is that thair will be grain anuff for the cosumption of the Country but it has caused provishons to be high now (and I Exspect it will continue so through the next year) baken is worth at this time 15 cts per lbs Corn \$3. to 3.50 per barel, flower from 8 to 10 \$ per Barel. The Price of laber and the price of Negros, are no higher than thay wore when I Saw you, negros are worth but little more here than thay /are/ with you after Ducting the Exspence of moving them and the Diference of Discount in money

I have hired out Camberidge for a Month at \$16.66 and Emanuel. at \$10. I Exspect my son James up from Lau<sup>a</sup> about 20<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> if he should not come I shall Go Down thair soon after that time I understand that negros is higher in Lau<sup>a</sup> than thay are here, but how much <but how much> I am not abel to tell you for I have not Rec<sup>d</sup> Letter from James on that subject.

I have land offered me all most Ever Day but I have not bough any yet, and I cannot tell you when I Shall, for my present impression is that I can make more by hirin out my negros than I can by farming when taking in to consideration the hight Prices Provishons must be next year. There is a grat Deale of buying and Selling Gowin on out here in this country, but a large propotion is Dun on Cr. which I consider a bad bisness at this time, and I cannot alow my Self to Engage in wile Speculations, We have a Branch Bank of the State here in this Place, But her notes may only be cauld post nots. for thay are on Cr of Twelve Month /and/ with out Int<sup>t</sup> but this figticus way of Dowing bisness has no influence on me. This Bank has cause Rale Estate to wrise here from 10 to 15 per cts. (I am in hopes that Ma[ne] you had of is Dowing will) I will write you again Soon as I have Something worth Comuncating Please write me, of you well fare and all the Prticelers of your Part of the country, on the Recpt of, for it all ways Gratifiing to here from old N.C. you Please to present my Respect to Charles & W<sup>m</sup> Pettigrew & your other Children to Mr & Mrs Collins /and Mr Forbs/ to Mr & Mrs Davenport and all inquiring frends—

I have been some sick since I saw you but nothing serious, my ancles have hurt me some since I saw you, but my helth is Good at this time as it was when I left you my Sons are both in Good helth, when I hered from James Jessee is keeping books at this time in the house of Armor Lake & Smith (of this place) my negros are all well.